

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Title on page 1 as follows:

MULTIPLE-BEAM SCANNING DEVICE AND IMAG FORMING APPARATUS
INCLUDING THE ~~SAME~~ MULTIPLE-BEAM SCANNING DEVICE

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 21, and ending at page 7, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The above and other objects, features and advantages of the present invention will become more apparent from the following detailed description taken with the accompanying drawings in which:

FIG. 1 is a view showing the general configuration of a multiple-beam scanning device embodying the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a section showing the illustrative embodiment as seen in the subscanning direction;

FIG. 3 is a view similar to FIG. 1, showing a multiple-beam scanning device using conventional adjusting means;

FIG. 4 shows an optical path in a condition wherein an optical device, having power in the subscanning direction, is implemented as a reflecting member and subject to adjustment;

FIGS. 5A and 5B are views showing the configuration and operation of adjusting means included in the illustrative embodiment;

FIG. 6 shows an optical path on which the adjusting means adjusts an optical device;

FIGS. 7A and 7B ~~[[shows]]~~ show a specific image not subject to beam pitch adjustment and a specific image subject to the same; ~~[[and]]~~

FIGS. 8A through 8C show a specific image pattern to be used for effecting adjustment with the adjusting means; and

FIG. 9 is a view showing a general configuration of an image forming apparatus according to an embodiment of the present invention.

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 9, line 4, and ending at page 10, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Referring to FIG. 9, a ~~[[A]]~~ specific configuration of an image forming apparatus in accordance with the present invention will be described hereinafter ~~although it is not shown specifically.~~ In the image forming apparatus 101, [[The]] the image carrier 10 shown in FIGS. 1 and 2 is implemented as a photoconductive drum 106. Arranged around the photoconductive drum [[10]] 106 are charging means 107, the multiple beam scanning device or optical writing means 104 including the multiple beam scanning device described above, [[a]] developing means 108, image transferring means 105, cleaning means 109, and discharging means. The charging means 107, implemented as a charger, a charge roller or a charge brush by way of example, uniformly charges the surface of the photoconductive drum [[10]] 106. The multiple-beam scanning device scans the charged surface of the photoconductive drum [[10]] 106 with the light beams modulated in accordance with image data to thereby form a latent image. The developing means 108 develops the latent image with toner to thereby form a corresponding toner image and is implemented as a developing unit using a single-component developer, i.e., toner or a two-component developer, i.e., a toner and carrier mixture.

The image transferring means 105 transfers the toner image formed on the photoconductive drum [[10]] 106 to a sheet or recording medium either directly or indirectly via an intermediate image transfer body. In a direct image transfer system, the image transferring means 105 may be implemented as, e.g., a charger, an image transfer roller, an image transfer belt or an image transfer brush. In an indirect image transfer system, the

image transferring means 105 may be implemented as a combination of an intermediate image transfer belt, intermediate image transfer drum or similar primary image transferring means and an image transfer charger, image transfer roller, image transfer belt, image transfer brush or similar secondary image transferring means. The cleaning means 109, implemented as a cleaning blade, cleaning brush or a cleaning roller by way of example, removes toner left on the photoconductive drum 106 [[10]] after the image transfer. Subsequently, the discharging means, implemented as a quenching lamp or a discharger by way of example, removes charges left on the photoconductive drum [[10]] 106.

The sheet, carrying the toner image formed thereon by the electrophotographic image forming process described above, is conveyed to a fixing unit or fixing means ~~not shown~~ 122. The fixing unit fixes the toner image on the sheet with heat and pressure. Finally, the sheet with the toner image thus fixed is driven out to, e.g., a tray ~~not shown~~ 123.